



STATE OF DELAWARE  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

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TO: ALL STATE AGENCIES, SCHOOL DISTRICTS, MUNICIPALITIES, VOLUNTEER  
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SUBJECT: **AWARD NOTICE – Addendum #6 Effective Dec. 1, 2019**  
**CONTRACT NO. GSS14574-LONG\_DIST\_SVC**  
**LONG DISTANCE TELEPHONE SERVICES**

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## **KEY CONTRACT INFORMATION**

### **1. MANDATORY USE CONTRACT**

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**REF: Title 29, Chapter 6911(d) Delaware Code.** Every state department and agency within the Executive Branch and Judicial Branch of the state government shall procure all material, equipment and nonprofessional services through the statewide contracts administered by Government Support Services, Office of Management and Budget. Delaware State University, Delaware Technical and Community College, the operations funded by Public School Districts, Delaware Transit Corporation, the Legislative Branch and the Board of Pension Trustees and their consultants are specifically exempted from the requirements of this subsection.

**To add services, delete services or report outages, please contact DTI Service Desk at [DTI\\_ServiceDesk@state.de.us](mailto:DTI_ServiceDesk@state.de.us) or (302) 739-9560. Emergency issues should be reported to the Service Desk via telephone to ensure the quickest possible resolution.**

### **2. CONTRACT PERIOD**

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Each contractor's contract shall be valid for a three (3) year period from October 1, 2014 through September 30, 2017. Each contract may be renewed for two (2) one (1) year periods through negotiation between the contractor and Government Support Services. Negotiation may be initiated no later than ninety (90) days prior to the termination of the current agreement.

This contract has been extended for one year, and is effective through September 30, 2018.

This contract has been extended for one year, and is effective through September 30, 2019.

This contract has been extended for one month, through October 31, 2019.

This contract has been extended for one month, through November 30, 2019.

**This contract has been extended for one month, through December 31, 2019.**

### **3. VENDOR**

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Verizon Business Network Services, Inc.  
On behalf of MCI Communications Services  
d/b/a Verizon Business Services  
1717 Arch Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor  
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### **4. SHIPPING TERMS**

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F.O.B. destination; freight pre-paid.

## 5. **PRICING**

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Prices will remain firm for the first three (3) contract years. Pricing information resides with the Administrating agency, DTI.

## **ADDITIONAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

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## 6. **BILLING**

The vendor is required to **"Bill as Shipped" to the respective ordering agency(s)**. Ordering agencies shall provide at a minimum the contract number, ship to and bill to address, contract name and phone number.

State will pay all Verizon charges, except disputed amounts, within 30 days of receipt of invoice. State will pay a late payment charge on any amount not paid or disputed within such 30 days, equal to the lesser of, (a) the amount indicated in a service Attachment, or (b) the maximum allowable by applicable law 29 Del. C. §6516, currently 1% per month. A "Disputed" amount is one for which State has given Verizon written notice, objectively supported by bona fide explanation and documentation. Any invoice not Disputed within 6 months of the invoice is deemed correct and bind on the State.

## 7. **PAYMENT**

The agencies or school districts involved will authorize and process for payment each invoice within thirty (30) days after the date of receipt. The vendor must accept full payment by procurement (credit) card and/or conventional check and/or other electronic means at the State's option, without imposing any additional fees, costs or conditions.

State will pay a late payment charge on any amount not paid or disputed within such 30 days, equal to the lesser of, (a) the amount indicated in a service Attachment, or (b) the maximum 1% per month allowable by applicable law 29 Del. C. §6516. A "Disputed" amount is one for which State has given Verizon written notice, objectively supported by bona fide explanation and documentation. Any invoice not Disputed within 6 months of the invoice is deemed correct and bind on the State. The State is liable for all fees and expenses, including attorney's fees, reasonably incurred by Verizon in attempting to collect any charges owed under this agreement.

Payment by procurement card (P-card) is an acceptable form of payment. Verizon's preferred payment options are electronic fund transfer or payment via check. The State may set up online payment, formerly known as E-billing, at no additional charge. Ad-hoc call in credit card payment is also available, but a convenience fee will apply.

## 8. **PRODUCT SUBSTITUTION**

All items delivered during the life of the contract shall be of the same type and manufacture as specified unless specific approval is given by Government Support Services to do otherwise. Substitutions may require the submission of written specifications and product evaluation prior to any approvals being granted.

**9. ORDERING PROCEDURE**

The vendor is required to have either a local telephone number within the (302) area code, a toll free (800) number, or agree to accept collect calls. Each agency is responsible for placing their orders and may be accomplished by written purchase order, telephone, fax or computer on-line systems. The contractor or vendor must accept full payment by procurement (credit) card and/or conventional check and/or other electronic means at the State's option, without imposing any additional fees, costs or conditions.

**10. PURCHASE ORDERS**

Agencies that are part of the First State Financial (FSF) system are required to identify the contract number GSS14574-LONG\_DIST\_SVC on all Purchase Orders (P.O.) and shall complete the same when entering P.O. information in the state's financial reporting system.

**11. REQUIREMENTS**

This contract is issued to allow the Department of Technology and Information (DTI) to acquire long distance telephone services on behalf of the State of Delaware, its Agencies and School Districts. It shall be made available to other municipalities, commissions and other State funded entities/non-profits that are authorized to participate in contracts for services.

For a complete list of contract specifications please refer to the original bid solicitation document(s). Any contract specific documentation will be accessible through the hyperlink(s) provided on this contract's details page.

**12. HOLD HARMLESS**

The contractor agrees that it shall indemnify and hold the State of Delaware and all its agencies harmless from and against any and all claims for injury, loss of life, or damage to or loss of use of property caused or alleged to be caused, by acts or omissions of the contractor, its employees, and invitees on or about the premises and which arise out of the contractor's performance, or failure to perform as specified in the Agreement.

**13. NON-PERFORMANCE**

In the event the contractor does not fulfill its obligations under the terms and conditions of this contract, the ordering agency may purchase equivalent product on the open market. Any difference in cost between the contract prices herein and the price of open market product shall be the responsibility of the contractor. Under no circumstances shall monies be due the contractor in the event open market products can be obtained below contract cost. Any monies charged to the contractor may be deducted from an open invoice.

#### **14. FORCE MAJEURE**

Neither the contractor nor the ordering agency shall be held liable for non-performance under the terms and conditions of this contract due, but not limited to, government restriction, strike, flood, fire, or unforeseen catastrophe beyond either party's control. Each party shall notify the other in writing of any situation that may prevent performance under the terms and conditions of this contract.

#### **15. AGENCY'S RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Agency shall:

- a. Examine and review in detail all letters, reports, drawings and other documents presented by the Contractor to the Agency and render to the Contractor in writing, findings and decisions pertaining thereto within a reasonable time so as not to delay the services of Contractor.
- b. Give prompt written notice to the Contractor whenever the Agency observes or otherwise becomes aware of any development that affects the scope or timing of the Contractor's services.
- c. When an ordering agency first experiences a relatively minor problem or difficulty with a vendor, the agency will contact the vendor directly and attempt to informally resolve the problem. This includes failure to perform by the date specified and any unacceptable difference(s) between the purchase order and the merchandise received. Ordering agencies should stress to vendors that they should expedite correction of the differences because failure to reply may result in an unfavorable rating in the execution of the awarded contract.
- d. The state has several remedies available to resolve non-performance issues with the contractor. The Agency should refer to the Contract Terms and Conditions to view these remedies. When a default occurs, the Agency should first review the contract to confirm that the issue is a part of the contract. If the issue is not covered by the contract, the state cannot expect the contractor to perform outside the agreement. If the issue is a part of the contract, the Agency or GSS - Contracting must then contact the contractor, discuss the reasons surrounding the default and establish a date when the contractor will resolve the non-performance issue.
- e. If there is a performance deficiency, a Corrective Action Report (CAR) may be used. Complete this form to report concerns with vendors or commodities. Be sure to furnish as much detail as possible. <http://gss.omb.delaware.gov/divisionwide/forms.shtml>.